

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 are pending. Claim 4 has been canceled.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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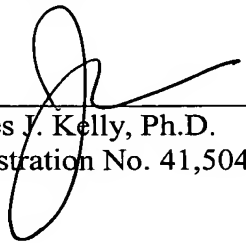
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